1 RENE L. VALLADARES Federal Public Defender 2 Nevada State Bar No. 11479 RAQUEL LAZO 3 JOY CHEN 4 Assistant Federal Public Defenders Las Vegas, NV 89101 5 (702) 388-6577/Phone 6 Raquel_Lazo@fd.org Joy_Chen@fd.org 7 Attorneys for Christian DeMarco Thomas 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 11 United States of America, Case No. 2:22-cr-00129-GMN-DJA 12 Plaintiff, 13 **Motion for Leave to File Motion** to Withdraw as Counsel for 14 v. Defendant Under Seal and Ex Parte 15 Christian DeMarco Thomas, 16 Defendant. 17 Certification: This Motion is timely filed. 18 Raquel Lazo and Joy Chen, Assistant Federal Public Defenders, 19 respectfully ask this Court to allow them to file a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel 20 for Defendant under seal and *ex parte*. The motion contains communication that 21 is protected by attorney-client privilege. 22 23 24 25 26

DATED: July 31, 2023. RENE L. VALLADARES Federal Public Defender /s/Raquel Lazo /s/ Joy Chen RAQUEL LAZO JOY CHEN Assistant Federal Public Defenders Attorneys for Christian Thomas Good cause appearing therein, IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: August 2, 2023 DANIEL J. ALBREGTS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE